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ACTIVATIONS

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11
Coordinator in FEMA Region IV activated for
Tornadoes in Mississippi on May 3, 2011.

est 11 was activated in FEMA Region VI on May 14, 2011 in response to severe flooding in Louisiana. APHIS staff assisted the state with preparations for pet evacuation and sheltering, animal disease and feral animal concerns.

FEMA Region VII activated ESF 11 on May 24, 2011 in response to severe Tornado in Joplin, Missouri and to support Severe Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding. ESF 11 coordination has focused on household pet sheltering support, Emerald Ash Borer Quarantine impacted area, and wildlife nuisance issues.

FEMA Region VIII activated ESF 11 on May 26, 2011 for flooding in South Dakota and on June 1st for Flooding in North Dakota. ESF 11 coordination has focused on food and housing support and animal issues to include household pets, zoo animals, and livestock.

An emergency responder combs through the wreckage of a destroyed home after a tornado touched down, Wednesday, April 27, 2011 in Smithville, Miss



FEMA Region VI Coordination Center balancing National Level Exercise and Flooding - Denton, Texas.



Poultry House destroyed in tornado. Joplin, MO



Flood. Pierre, SD









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TRAINING

- On May 3, 2011, ESF 11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IV provided ESF11 Desk Officer Training in Raleigh, NC.
- On May 4-6, 2011, ESF 11 Coordinator in FEMA Region IX provided ESF 11 Desk Officer Training to ESF 10 (Environmental Protection Agency) and FEMA disaster support) in San Francisco, CA.

EXERCISES

- The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in Vermont-Yankee Nuclear Parallel Exercise on May 4, 2011.
- The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region V participated in a tabletop exercise at the RRCC, Chicago, May 5.
- The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I participated in Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency Animal Sheltering Tabletop Exercise on May 22, 2011.
- ESF11 Coordinators from Regions II and III provided coverage for ESF11 at the SIMCELL during the National Level Exercise 2011 (NLE2011), May 16-19, 2011.
- ESF 11 coordinator FEMA R VI, FSIS, and VS drafted scenario for FEMA R VI Food Security Exercise, including discussion based exercise July 2011 and functional exercise 2012.

CURRENT PROJECTS

- The ESF11 Coordinator in FEMA Region I assisting Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency on a series of Animal Sheltering Exercises.
- ESF 11 engaged with ESF 10 (EPA) and FEMA regions to interpret Food Safety Modernization Act, specifically carcass disposal roles.
- Reviewed International Food Agriculture
 Organization (FAO) guidance on international
 FAD emergency preparedness and response
- ESF 11 Coordinator FEMA R VII co-host EPA Region VII carcass disposal subcommittee meeting.
- On-going interviews with GAO regarding their review of the federal governments food and agriculture emergency response and recovery activities specifically ESF 11 hurricane activations, USDA and FEMA collaboration, and carcass disposal.
- FEMA R IX moving from scenario-driven plans toward a single "all hazard" O Plan that can be adapted to any response.
- Provided case studies (Alaska subsistence food radiation/ Arizona livestock flood/vet stockpile exercise Navajo Nation) of APHIS emergency response support to tribal communities for Tribal Assistance Conference in Green Bay, WI 5/18